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It has been learned that Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (MNR) exiles in Argentina have received an urgent request from their comrades in La Paz for 300,000 bolivianos to be sent them from Buenos Aires before 15 January 1950. The request reportedly was discussed at the home of Alfonso Gumucio in Argentina on 22 December with Mario Diez de Medina and another MNR member, as yet unidentified. Diez de Medina stated that the request would be complied with and that the method of transmittal would be discussed later. Diez de Medina is said to have implied that the 300,000 bolivianos would come from funds MNR leaders in Buenos Aires have at their disposition, a part of the booty of millions of bolivianos which were taken from banks in Bolivia during the August 1949 MNR revolt.

Comment. Previous reports have indicated that the INR intends to make an all out revolutionary attempt in February 1950, with uprisings scheduled for La Paz, the mining districts, and various Argentine-Bolivian border points

It is not known if there is a possible connection between this revolutionary attempt and a general strike reportedly being planned at the Patino Mine at Catavi, to take place about 15 January 1950 [redacted].

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